(c) whether 15 per cent seats have been earmarked/given to CBSE candidates;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a)No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Functioning of rural primary health care centres

764. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of creating vast infrastructure, the Rural Primary Health Care Centres are functioning sub-optimally;

(b) if so, how Government propose to improve the functioning of Rural Primary Health Centres;

(c) whether any concrete programme has been drawn; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (d) Government is aware of certain gaps in rural health care infrastructure, which is mainly on account of inadequate outreach of infrastructure and trained manpower.

While health is primarily astate subject, the centre is providing technical and financial assistance in all critical areas which affect the family welfare programme. To improve the functioning of primary health care institutions, Government has initiated a number of innovative programmes:

- Under Pradhan Mantri Gramoday a Yojana, funds are being released to States and UTs for strengthening the existing primary health care facilities, for procuring drugs and essential consumables and towards contingencies for travel cost of the ANMs, repair of equipment and furniture.
- Area Development Projects are being implemented with external aid for additional strengthening of the public health infrastructure. The main activities of Area Projects include construction of buildings for health

sub-centres, primary health centres, community health centres, staff quarters, training institutes and supply of furniture and equipments etc.

- The Major and Minor Civil Works component of the Reproductive and Child Health Programme, also funds provide for the construction/repair/ maintenance of operation theatres, labour rooms and for upgradation of water and electric supply.
- Efforts are also made to increase the outreach in rural areas through Swasthya Melas at State and district and sub-district levels and Reproductive and Child Health Camps at primary health centres.

Funds earmarked for research in AIIMS

765. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether AIIMS, though a pioneer institution in medical education and research, barely gets one to two per cent of funds for research;

(b) whether out of 339 research projects undertaken during the decade 1991—2000, final reports have not been received in respect of 153. projects till 31st March, 2000;

(c) whether the Institute is not treating burn cases, dog-bite cases and infectious diseases;

(d) if so, the detailed reasons for each; and

(e) Government's plan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) and (b)No, Sir. Research funds are received by AIIMS through extramural grants amounting to Rs. 12 to 15 crores every year for research purposes from national/international agencies like the DST, ICMR, UNICEF, WHO, etc. The Institute also has been using a major part of its plan allocation on the purchase of machine and equipment and many of the machines bought are for both research purposes and patient care. AIIMS has undertaken 348 projects during the decade 1991—2000 out of them reports of only 99 are awaited, most of which relate to areas where one project feeds/overlap to the next one.

(c) to (e) The Institute is well equipped to take up any bum cases in its Emergency Department as well as Indoor Wards. However, the hospital does not have an exclusive bum unit. Generally patients of bum injuries reporting